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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Emin Tuncay Ustuner

Appln. No.: 09/814,422

Filed: March 21, 2001

For: AUTOMATIC SURGICAL SUTURING  
INSTRUMENT AND METHOD

Attorney Docket No: 10593-4

Examiner: Bradford C. Pantuck

Art Unit: 3731

Commissioner for Patents  
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Respectfully submitted,

Date

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Dear Sir:

Please provide status information for the above-referenced application, including when  
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Respectfully submitted,

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